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- 25X1 1. The 16 Infantry Regiment, commanded by Colonel Dimche Danev, is located at Vidin. The regiment, which numbers 1200 men and includes three battalions, is quartered in the old barracks. Also at Vidin is a 250-man combat engineer unit, commanded by Major Khristo Bagryanov, which is in charge of maintaining the pontoon bridge. Both 16 Infantry Regiment and the engineer unit are subordinate to 4 Bulgarian Army.¹
2. Near Nadezhda, Sofia, there is a school for military vehicle drivers. The school has 20 light motor vehicles of the ZIS, SKODA, PRAGA types. Captain Boris Mikhailov is in charge of the school.
3. A tank unit subordinate to the armored division in Sofia recently arrived at Kazicane (sic).² The unit, comprising approximately 400 men, had 30 T-34 tanks, 10 light ZIS motor vehicles, and two SKODA automobiles. Unit headquarters are located at Oborishteva Ulitsa.

25X1 Comment: More likely the regiment in Vidin is subordinate to 1 Bulgarian Army. Possibly the regiment is subordinate to the division in Vratsa or to a new division which may have been formed in northwestern Bulgaria.

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1. The Belene central concentration camp for political prisoners is situated on a small Danubian island of approximately 800 hectares, three kilometers from the town of Belene. Only political prisoners are incarcerated at the Belene camp. There are 6500 men and 1200 women at the camp.
2. After several months in the camp, inmates are sent to work on frontier fortifications or are assigned to construction enterprises under SOVBOLSTROI. Troublesome prisoners are employed as follows:
 - a. In mines near Vratsa;
 - b. On underground construction work; or
 - c. In building bunkers on Visegrad mountain.
3. Angel Dalchev is the prison commandant.

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